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# Media Advisory

## Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting

**WHEN:** Saturday October 27, 2018

**WHAT:** Today, the entire Pittsburgh Region was impacted by a senseless act of mass violence at The Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill; As of the time of this advisory, Eight people have been killed and at least six others have been injured, including 4 police officers.

When a traumatic experience occurs, a person's or community's sense of safety and well-being is often so damaged that normal ways of coping with things cannot be maintained, or don't seem to work. After a violent/traumatic experience, victims may have problems that they did not exist before the trauma. It is important to remember that unresolved trauma can negatively affect the mental, physical, emotional, financial and spiritual health of individuals and their loved ones – even for years to come.

**WHO WE ARE:** **Center for Victims is here to help.** Center for Victims is the most comprehensive and inclusive provider of services, advocacy and education for all victims of all crimes in Allegheny County and in Pennsylvania. Incidents of mass violence affect everyone. Center for Victims is available to assist, free of charge, regardless of geographic location. Our trained crisis response team can offer immediate crisis intervention for direct victims, their families, witnesses and the community as a whole.